



## DGS Employees of the Week:

### Team Organics Recycling:

**Anne Jackson & Dan Campbell**

DGS is taking the lead in a growing trend thanks to the efforts of our Employees of the Week. Sustainability officer Anne Jackson and Baltimore buildings and grounds superintendent Dan Campbell are kicking off phase two of DGS' organics recycling program today at the State Center cafe. For *Doing Green Service*, Anne and Dan are our Employees of the Week.

Growing up you probably heard the admonition, "Clean your plate because there are starving children." Well, if you visit the State Center cafeteria, and don't finish your lunch or breakfast, you can still make a difference.

As the point person on recycling for DGS, Anne is always looking for ways to reduce waste and increase recycling. DGS facilities across the State are already

collecting paper, as well as bottles and cans for recycling. Anne says organics recycling seemed to be the next logical step.

Beginning today you will see the fruits of Anne and Dan's labor -- new, color coded waste and recycling stations in the cafeteria. Bins with blue lids are for bottles and cans, yellow lids for organic and compostable materials, and black lids for waste. Each is clearly labeled with pictures and descriptions of what should be placed in the receptacles. So, if you don't clean your plate, you can still help clean the planet by placing your leftover food and paper products in the bins with the yellow lids.

Back in September, the first phase of the program was launched when the State Center kitchen began collecting organic food scraps to be turned into compost. Kitchen workers were trained to collect organic waste including fruits and vegetables, meats, bakery items, coffee grounds,



tea bags and paper products. So far, kitchen workers have collected 1,560 pounds of organic waste, diverting it from landfills where it turns into methane, a greenhouse gas.

Anne, along with members of the DGS leadership team, will be promoting the organics recycling program in the dining area of the cafeteria Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (1/13 – 1/15). Stop by the DGS table for more information and to enter a drawing for a chance to win one of 10 meal coupons worth \$8 for the State Center cafeteria.

Dan worked with Anne to implement the organics recycling program by ordering the bins, printing signage and coordinating with the Department of Rehabilitative Services, along with Al Hill and Chef Charlie at the State Center Café.

“Anne’s enthusiasm and energy have been the driving force behind the organics recycling program,” said DGS Secretary Alvin Collins. “The amount of thought and planning she has put into this project is remarkable. Dan has been the go-to-guy, helping with logistics and coordination. We all need to work together with a ‘Yes we can’ attitude to help make all of our recycling programs a success!”

Anne has been with DGS for two years, moving to Maryland from North Carolina where she worked in architectural design. She staffs the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee and is editor of its quarterly newsletter. In her spare time, Anne enjoys traveling to visit her family which is spread out across the country in Seattle, New Jersey and Florida.

Dan has been with DGS for nearly two years and was named Superintendent of Baltimore buildings and grounds back in October. When he’s not at work, Dan enjoys making pottery. He has a wheel and kiln at home, and has taught pottery classes at an art studio in Ellicott City.

DGS Congratulates to Anne Jackson and Dan Campbell for *Doing Great Service* by **Doing Green Service!**